

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN COMPETITIVE JOB OPPORTUNITY



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JOB TITLE

FIRE EQUIPMENT MECHANIC

**EXAM NUMBER** 

37472E

**FILING DATES** 

August 05, 2009 until needs are met

**SALARY** 

\$5,348.13 **MONTHLY** 

POSITION INFORMATION

This position makes field and shop repairs to fire fighting apparatus and equipment.

Positions at this level operate with fairly significant freedom from day-to-day supervision and need minimal guidance on such matters as selecting appropriate problem-solving methods and techniques, locating appropriate regulations, or applying proper repair procedures to carry out work assignment. Applicants must possess working knowledge of the rules and regulations for the proper usage of tools and equipment, the order of disassembling parts and what tools and equipment are needed, the ability to read blueprints, schematics and technical manuals, understand the functions of individual parts or systems, plan and lay-out work.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Overhauls and repairs gasoline and diesel engines, transmissions, rear axles, and rotary and centrifugal pumps. Performs maintenance and repair of air and hydraulic brakes, power steering, suspensions, and electrical systems. Drives two or more axle vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds or more. Does general welding and fabrication. Responds to calls for and makes emergency and routine repairs to fire apparatus in the field. Completes necessary paperwork for State and Federally mandated inspections.

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

Completion of a recognized apprentice training program of at least four years duration in the repair of gas and diesel automotive and power equipment\* -AND-One year experience at the journey level\*\* -OR- Six years experience in the repair and maintenance of gas and diesel automotive and power equipment\*, two years of which must have been at the journey level\*\*.

Physical Class: 4 - Arduous:

Involves frequent heavy lifting over 25 pounds, often combined with bending, twisting, or working on irregular surfaces; and occasionally requires extraordinary physical activity.

**Licenses:** A California Class "B" Driver License is required to perform job- related essential functions.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: Vision: Normal color perception.

Special Requirement Information: LICENSE/CERTIFICATE INFORMATION: On your application, be sure to give the title of your required license or certificate and its number, date issued, date of expiration and the name of the issuing agency as specified in the Selection Requirements. In addition, you MUST attach a copy of the required license or certificate to your application at the time of filing. Applications submitted without the required evidence of licensure or certification will be considered incomplete until such information is provided.

Employees that are assigned to drive an apparatus equipped with (airbrakes, hazardous materials and tank), will be required to obtain a license with the proper endorsements within six (6) months of his/her assignment.

Successful applicants for this position will be required to obtain a copy of his/her driving record from the California State Department of Motor Vehicles before being appointed. A copy of your driving record must be presented at the time of your appointment. License must not be suspended, restricted, or revoked. AN APPLICANT WHOSE DRIVING RECORD SHOWS FOUR OR MORE MOVING VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE LAST TWO YEARS WILL NOT BE APPOINTED.

\*Automotive, powered equipment, gas and diesel including all heavy on-road equipment such as trucks of at least 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, trucks of at least 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, trailers over 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.

\*\*To qualify, applicants must have been at full performance level and assigned the full-range and diversity of mechanical work.

A copy of **OFFICIAL** transcripts showing completion of training program, or current ASE, CFMA, or EVT certificates **must be attached to application at time of filing. NO INTERNET TRANSCRIPTS AND/OR CERTIFICATES ARE ACCEPTABLE.** 

#### DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in the repair and maintenance of fire equipment.
- Working knowledge of fire apparatus with a wide range of single and multiple cylinder auxiliary engines.
- Working knowledge of all types of pumps and related pumping and hydraulically operated aerial devices.
- Experience in welding and fabrication.
- Certifications in:
  - Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)
  - California Fire Mechanics Association (CFMA) and/or
  - Emergency Vehicle Technician (EVT).

### SPECIAL INFORMATION

**Shift:** Day: 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES MUST COMPLETE A THOROUGH BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING A FINGERPRINT SEARCH. Candidates who are found to be unsuitable for employment as a Fire Equipment Mechanic will be removed from the certification list pursuant to Civil Service Rule 6.04.

Examples of disqualifying factors include but not limited to:

- Any felony convictions
- Job related misdemeanor convictions
- Certain traffic convictions or patterns of traffic violations (e.g. 4 or more moving violations within the past two years, failure to appear; at fault accidents; suspended license; driving under the influence)
- Poor employment history

#### Substance abuse

#### VACANCY INFORMATION

#### EXAMINATION CONTENT

The resulting eligible register for this examination will be used to fill vacancies in the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Part 1: A qualifying written test of ability to read micrometers. Only those candidates achieving a score of 70% on the qualifying written test will proceed to part 2.

Part 2: A written test weighted 50% covering knowledge related to the maintenance and repair of fire fighting equipment. Only those candidates achieving a score of 70% on part 2 of the written test will proceed to part 3.

Part 3: An interview weighted 50%. The interview will cover training and experience, personal fitness and general ability to perform the duties of the position.

Candidates must achieve a passing score of 70% or higher on each weighted part of this examination in order to be placed on the eligible register.

The written test is not reviewable by candidates per Civil Service Rule 7.19.

#### **ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

The names of candidates receiving a passing grade on the examination will be added to the Eligible Register. Candidates will be placed on the Eligible Register in the order of their score group for a period of twelve (12) months following the date of eligibility.

No person may compete for this examination more than once every 12 months.

#### \* \* \* \* IMPORTANT INFORMATION \* \* \* \*

#### APPLICATION INFORMATION

All applicants are required to submit a standard Los Angeles County Employment Application. You have the option of filing your application either by Hard Copy submission - OR - Online (via electronic submission). Please select only one method to file your application.

This examination will remain open until the needs of the service are met and is subject to closure without prior notice. Application filing may be suspended at anytime without advance notice.

<u>Instruction for Filing Online:</u> A Standard County of Los Angeles Employment Application for this examination may be completed online and submitted electronically beginning August 5, 2009. To apply online, click on the link below.

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Candidates who apply online must upload any documents as attachments during application submission or fax the documents to (323) 869-0312 within five (5)business days of filing online. Please include your Name, Exam Number and the Exam Title on the faxed documents.

Instructions for Hard Copy Submission: A Standard County of Los Angeles Employment Application for this position will be accepted on business days only between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning August 5, 2009. The Standard County of Los Angeles Employment Application are available at the filing location below or may be downloaded from the Department of Human Resources website at: http://easier.co.la.ca.us/JobsInfo/empapp.pdf.

The acceptance of your application will depend on whether you have clearly shown that you meet the Selection Requirements. Please fill out your application completely

and correctly so that you will receive full credit for your related education, training, and experience. In the space provided for education, include the names and addresses of schools/colleges attended, titles of courses completed and specialized field of study. For each job held, give the name and address of your employer, your job title, beginning and ending dates, description of work performed and salary earned. Attach an additional page to your application, if necessary, to describe fully your related education and experience. All information supplied by applicants is subject to verification. Applications may be rejected at any stage of the selection process. Resumes may be added to your application, but cannot be substituted for the Education and Experience portions of the County application.

### Submit completed application and any required supplemental (if any) in person or by U.S. Mail to the following address:

Los Angeles County Fire Department Personnel Office 1320 N. Eastern Avenue, Room 221 Los Angeles, CA 90063 (323) 838-2239

#### DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990: All positions are open to qualified men and women. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons with disabilities who believe they need reasonable accommodation, or help in order to apply for a position, may contact the ADA coordinator at (323) 838-2239.

Contact the Coordinator of Personnel Services for Disabled Persons by calling (323) 838-2239. Hearing impaired applicants with telephone teletype equipment may leave messages by calling (800) 735-2922. The County will attempt to meet reasonable accommodation requests whenever possible.

## AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

**Equal Employment Opportunity:** It is the policy of the County of Los Angeles to provide equal employment opportunity for all qualified persons, regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability.

### CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE

Los Angeles County Child Support Compliance Program: In an effort to improve compliance with court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations, certain employment and identification information (i.e., name, address, Social Security number and date of hire) is regularly reported to the State Directory of New Hires which may assist in locating persons who owe these obligations. Family Code Section 17512 permits under certain circumstances for additional employment and identifying information to be requested. Applicants will not be disqualified from employment based on this information.

#### VETERAN'S CREDIT

**VETERANS' PREFERENCE CREDIT** of 10 points will be added to the final passing grade in any open competitive examination if you are an honorably discharged veteran who served in the Armed Forces of the United States:

- During a declared war; or
- During the period April 28, 1952 through July 1, 1955; or
- For more than 180 consecutive days, other than for training, any part of which occurred after January 31, 1955, and before October 15, 1976; or
- In a campaign or expedition for which a campaign medal or expeditionary medal has been authorized and awarded.

This also applies to the spouse of such person who, while engaged in such service was wounded, disabled or crippled and thereby permanently prevented from engaging in any remunerative occupation, and also to the widow or widower of any such person who died or was killed while in such service. A DD214, Certificate of Discharge or Separation from Active Duty, or other official documents issued by the branch of service are required as verification of eligibility for Veterans' preference. If you are unable to provide any documentation at the time of filing, the 10 points will

be withheld until such time as it is provided.

#### EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

**Employment Eligibility Information:** Final appointment is contingent upon verification of U.S. citizenship or the right to work in the United States. Immigration law provides that **all** persons hired after November 6, 1986, are required to present original documents to the County, **within three (3) business days** of hiring, which show satisfactory proof of: 1) identity and 2) U.S. employment eligibility.

#### RECORD OF CONVICTIONS

A full disclosure of all convictions is required. Failure to disclose convictions will result in disqualification. Not all convictions constitute an automatic bar to employment. Factors such as your age at the time of the offense(s), and the recency of offense(s) will be taken into account, as well as the relationship between the offense(s) and the job(s) for which you apply. However, any applicant for County employment who has been convicted of workers' compensation fraud is automatically barred from employment with the County of Los Angeles (County Code Section 5.12.110). ANY CONVICTIONS OR COURT RECORDS WHICH ARE EXEMPTED BY A VALID COURT ORDER DO NOT HAVE TO BE INCLUDED.

### SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 2004

Section 419 (c) of Public Law 108-203, the Social Security Protection Act of 2004, requires State and local government employers to disclose the effect of the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset Provision to employees hired on or after January 1, 2005, in jobs not covered by Social Security. The County of Los Angeles does not participate in the Social Security System. All newly hired County of Los Angeles employees must sign a statement (Form SSA-1945) prior to the start of employment indicating that they are aware of a possible reduction in their future Social Security benefit entitlement. For more information on Social Security and about each provision, you may visit the website <a href="www.socialsecurity.gov">www.socialsecurity.gov</a>, or call toll free 1-800-772-1213. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may call the TTY number 1-800-325-0778 or contact a local Social Security office.